



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Applicant : Levinson *et al.*  
Serial No. : 10/713,889  
Filed : November 14, 2003  
Title : WATER-SOLUBLE MESOPORPHYRIN COMPOUNDS  
AND METHODS OF PREPARATION  
Examiner : Ganapathy Krishnan  
Art Unit : 1623  
Attorney Docket No. : 331640-73

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 26, 2009

**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH**  
**EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the time for responding to the final rejection of the claims, as manifested by Office Action mailed September 26, 2008, be and is hereby extended for three months, up to and including March 26, 2009. Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$555 to cover the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

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It is believed that no further fees are due. However, if any further fee is due it should be charged to Deposit Account No.: 03-0678. Similarly, any credit for overpayment should be credited to Deposit Account No.: 03-0678.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

Deposit Date: March 26, 2009

I hereby certify that this paper and the attachments hereto are being deposited today with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail to Addressee, under 37 CFR 1.8, on the date indicated above addressed to:

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